

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Marvin Petry on 10/9/2009.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 1, line 10, "faces, which planar face" has been changed to --face or faces, wherein the at least one planar end face or faces--.

In claim 1, line 11, "side" has been changed to --end face--

In claim 11, line 2, --portions-- has been inserted after "ovoid".

In claim 12, line 2, --portions-- has been inserted after "ovoid"

In claim 17, line 2, "one or more protrusions" has been changed to --respective protrusion--.

In claim 17, line 3, "openings" has been changed to --opening--.

In claim 18, line 2, "one or more said openings" has been changed to --at least one opening--.

In claim 18, lines 2-3, "one or more protrusions" has been changed to --respective protrusion--.

In claim 19, line 2, "the outer" has been changed to --an outer--.

In claim 20, line 2, "said outer" has been changed to --an outer--.

In claim 23, line 2, "said outer" has been changed to --an outer--.

In claim 23, line 2, "one or more protrusions" has been changed to --respective protrusion--.

In claim 32, line 2, "said one or more protrusions are" has been changed to --the respective protrusion is--.

In claim 34, line 2, "protrusions" has been changed to --respective protrusion--.

In claim 35, line 2, "one or more protrusions" has been changed to --respective protrusion--.

In claim 40, line 9, "faces" has been changed to --face or faces--.

In claim 40, line 10, --or faces-- has been inserted after "face".

Drawings

2. The drawings were received on 6/29/2009. These drawings are approved by the Examiner.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Luan K. Bui whose telephone number is 571-272-4552. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mickey Yu can be reached on 571-272-4562. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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